this Ministry. However, the extent of damages has been estimated by the Paradip Port authorities which is Rs. 68.5 crores for the Port and another Rs. 9.5 crores to the fishery harbour functioning in the Paradip Port area.

(c) and (d) A three phase recovery plan has been made. Firs? two phases have been completed and normalcy has been restored. Port has started functioning since 5.11.1999. All equipments started working since 1.12.1999. The third phase which consists of full repair and reconstruction of damaged buildings and structures is under progress.

Repair of NH-5

744. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on the maintenance of National Highways during the last three years;

(b) whether the cyclone has caused expensive damage to National Highway No. 5; and

(c) if so, the steps taken for the reconstruction and repairing of that NH Road; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Rs. 1419.30 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (c) Immediate temporary restoration works to the damaged reaches of NH-5 in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh has taken up to restore flow of traffic.

Cyclonic heavy rain on 16th & 17th October, 1999, caused potholes, eroded berms surface damages and falling of big trees of NH-5 in Srikulam District in Andhra Pradesh. These were cleared immediately and traffic allowed. In Orissa portion of NH-5 between km 233 to km 350, road was overtopped by flowing water and blocked at few locations. These were cleared and traffic was restored.

During the cyclone dated 29th & 30th October, 1999 in Orissa, NH-5 was damaged at km 149.2 which was restored and traffic movement allowed on 6th November, 1999. Scouring and erosion of embankment took place at few places which were repaired and traffic restored.

Maintenance Cost of Road

745. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to poor workmanship and technology, the maintenance cost of our Highways are exhorbitant;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to non-availability of maintenance funds, the quality of roads is poor and deteriorating day by day; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government plan to overcome these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In the recent years there has been a shortfall of around 40% in allocation of maintenance funds.

(c) The allocation for the current financial year has increased from Rs. 549.80 crores to Rs. 703 crores.

Length of National Highways

746. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise break-up for the length of existing National Highways as on date;

(b) the length of National Highway per thousand population in the respective States with State-wise details;

(c) the allocation for maintenance for each State and the basis thereof;